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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend claims 32-33 and add new claims 37-93 as follows:

32. (Amended) A system for controlling ambulances so as to ensure reimbursement for transportation services provided by said ambulances, comprising:

a database including records each documenting needed transportation services;

processing circuitry [performing a dispatching process including reviewing said records, and locating a record indicating a need for immediate transportation service, and instructing] generating an instruction to a vehicle to provide [said] a transportation service, an instruction produced by said processing circuitry including an identification of a route to be followed by said vehicle, [said dispatching process selecting] the processing circuitry generating said route in accordance with routing criteria [demanded by governmental or insurance entities]

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